

Listing of the Claims

Below is a listing of the claims for the convenience of the Examiner:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A method comprising steps of:

(a) forming a first and second computer chassis, wherein a shape of the first computer chassis is identical to a shape of the second computer chassis and includes an empty portion and a non-empty portion; and

(b) joining the first and second computer chassis so that the empty portion of the first computer chassis receives at least a portion of the non-empty portion of the second computer chassis, wherein a rectangular volume of the joined first and second computer chassis is less than twice a rectangular volume of the first or second computer chassis.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein step (b) comprises nesting, stacking, or interlocking the first computer chassis and the second computer chassis in a single compartment of a pallet layout.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising a step of arranging the joined first and second computer chassis in a single compartment of a pallet layout to increase shipping density of a pallet layout.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising a step of assembling a number of pre-assembled components in the non-empty portion of at least one of the first computer chassis and the second computer chassis.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising a step of fastening the first computer chassis to the second computer chassis.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising a step of arranging multiple pairs of the joined first and second computer chassis in a single compartment of a pallet layout to increase shipping density of the pallet layout.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (previously presented): An apparatus comprising:

a first computer chassis; and

a second computer chassis joined to the first computer chassis, wherein a shape of the first computer chassis is identical to a shape of the second computer chassis and includes an empty portion and a non-empty portion wherein the empty portion of the first computer chassis receives at least a portion of the non-empty portion of the second computer chassis, and wherein a rectangular volume of the joined first and second computer chassis is less than twice a rectangular volume of the first or second computer chassis.

Claim 9 (original): The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the first computer chassis and the second computer chassis are joined by nesting, stacking, or interlocking the first computer chassis and the second computer chassis in a single compartment of a pallet layout.

Claim 10 (original): The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the joined first and second computer chassis are arranged in a single compartment of a pallet layout to increase shipping density of a pallet layout.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 8 further comprising a number of pre-assembled components assembled in the non-empty portion of at least one of the first computer chassis and the second computer chassis.

Claim 12 (original): The apparatus of claim 8 further comprising a fastener for fastening the first computer chassis to the second computer chassis.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 8 further comprising multiple pairs of the joined first and second computer chassis arranged in a single compartment of a pallet layout to increase shipping density of the pallet layout.

Claim 14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (previously presented): A method comprising steps of:

(a) forming each of a first and second computer chassis into a shape wherein the shape includes an empty portion and a non-empty portion;

(b) joining the first and second computer chassis so that the empty portion of the first computer chassis receives at least a portion of the non-empty portion of the second computer chassis; and

(c) arranging the first and second computer chassis in a single chassis compartment of a pallet layout wherein a rectangular volume of the first and second computer chassis is less than twice a rectangular volume of the first or second computer chassis.